

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

PARISH OFFICES

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., you are invited, welcomed, loved, and respected here.

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OUR MISSION Statement

To live, love, forgive, and serve the needs of others in the example of Jesus Christ.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes before every weekend Mass.

Baptism

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or other convenient time. Contact the church office.

Holy Matrimony

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

Mass of Christian Burial

All arrangements should be made directly with the funeral home who will then contact the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4:00PM - Lynn Richey, Janet Lamkin, Lucy Whitley, Frank Cospelich, Chris Jardoïn

Lector: J. Louviere

Server: L. Brocato

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00AM - Jack and Laura Kelly

Lector: B. Edwards

Server: J. Schexnyder

10:30AM - Janet Normand, Shirley Allemand Olivier

Lector: J. Foote

Server: J. Moreau

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Montalvo

Server: B. Winegeart

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00PM - John Upton

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00AM - Gene Tucker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00AM - Richard Gadel

If you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy or representatives of the Catholic Church and you want to make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and/or to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families, call Dr. Lee Kneipp, Victim Assistance Coordinator (318) 542-9805 or the LA Child Abuse **HOTLINE** (855) 452-5451. Diocesan Protecting our Children - Understanding, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse" brochures are available in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors, and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct are in the safe environment section at www.diocesealex.org

WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2025

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

4:00PM - Nancy Cazes, Kristian Louviere, Janet Normand, Lawrence Cospelich

Lector: M. Leleux

Server: A. Schexnyder

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:00AM - Philip and Mary David

Lector: E. Lohman

Server: C. Lohman

10:30AM - Patrick Matt, Jacques Matt

Lector: M. Brundrett

Server: A. Brundrett

5:00PM - For Our Parish Family

Lector: J. Reynolds

Server: H. Reynolds

MONDAY, MARCH 3

7:00AM - Zachary Veillon

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

7:00AM - Garland "Buddy" Williamson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

7:00AM - Jackie Kroll Reine

Lector: P. Gadel

Server: B. Gadel

4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word

Lector: M. Leleux

5:30PM - Cheryl Arbour

Lector: TBD

Server: A. Brundrett

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

7:00AM - Laura Gadel Jacob

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish office. The suggested donation is \$7.00 per candle.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**OUR NEWLY WED**

Kent T. and Grace E. (Knott) Milton

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE

Brad Gadel

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONYRandy L. Smith and Mallary A. Soileau
June 7, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**Mary Frances Brundrett, Ava Ingo, Ashton Landry,
Rylie Landry, Amy Long, Garrison Mott, Kyleigh
Mott, Sawyer Zhao**OUR SICK, RECOVERING, CONVALESCING***After two weeks names are removed unless notification to retain someone is received in the collection, at secretary@mmjchurch.org, calling 487-9894x1200 or by mail. Exceptions can be made, of course.*Alfred Cook III, Brian Dobard, Celia Halbert,
Thomas Hickman, Annie Johnson, Daniel Jones,
Brad Kohler, Deacon Doug Moreau, Laura Strange,
Jo Tassin, Tonya Wood**OUR HOMEBOUND**Faye Connella, Butch Doiron, Cecilia "Tookie" Liot-
ta, Joan McLure, Richard Milano, Sr., Beverly Jane
Richey, Joe & Irene Thompson, Constance Weil**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**Michael Flynn, LaVerne Fortenberry, Adrienne Ste-
vens, Donna White**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**Parker Barrett, Brandon Coreil, Dustin Guillory,
Daniel Keely, Kelley Perry, Robin Perry, Chuck Wil-
liams*Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be included or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.***STEWARDSHIP****OFFERTORY GIFTS - 02/16/2025**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,146.00
EFT Collection	\$ 1,835.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 6,925.00
Shortage	\$ 944.00
Goal for February (4 Sundays)	\$ 27,700.00
Received for February	\$ 19,293.00
Still Needed for February	\$ 8,407.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**MERCI BEAUCOUP!!****"Remember that when you leave this earth, you take with you nothing that you have received only what you have been given: A full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." (St. Francis of Assisi)****REGISTRATION/CENSUS**Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Church "home"? Do you worship with us regularly? If you have not done so already, we ask that you please register online at www.mmjchurch.org, under the "parish forms" tab. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register.**COMMUNITY REWARDS**Visit Kroger.com and sign up under Community at the bottom of their home page. Mary, Mother of Jesus will receive a percentage of your purchases. There is no charge to the shopper.**ELECTRONIC GIVING**This is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. It allows you to create or alter your contribution schedule at any time and see reports of your contribution history that you can use for your records. When you can't attend Mass, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay. Visit our website: www.mmjchurch.org

FAITH FORMATION**GRADES PRE K - 2**

Wednesday, February 26
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall

GRADE 4

Wednesday, February 26
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Church

GRADES 3 & 5

Wednesday, February 26
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall

GRADES 6 - 12

Wednesday, February 26
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Church Hall

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass
During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 3 - 7 - Youth Center

LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION**March 11: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Jesus and the "New World Order" Understanding the teachings of Jesus and the context in which he taught.

March 18: Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit
Blessed are the meek
Blessed are they that mourn

March 25: Beatitudes

Blessed are they that hunger...
Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the pure...

April 1: Beatitudes

Blessed are the peacemakers
Blessed are you...

April 08:

The Ontological Hierarchy and human nature: can the Beatitudes be lived out in today's society? The Beatitudes as the means of change in our world view, relationship to Jesus Christ, and to each other.

LIVE STREAMING

For the benefit of our homebound and/or sick parishioners, we livestream the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass each week. To watch it anytime on You Tube, search for MMJ Woodworth.

CHURCH NEWS**CHURCH OFFICES**

The offices will be closed on Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th, in observance of Mardi Gras.

**MARCH 5**

7:00 a.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes
4:00 p.m. - Prayer Service with imposition of ashes
5:30 p.m. - Mass with imposition of ashes

Fr. Paul will be visiting our shut-ins with holy communion and ashes.



Sunday, March 9
2:00 a.m. - We Spring Ahead By One Hour

ROSARY MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

ROMEOs

(Retired Old Men Enjoying Ourselves)
Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

QUILTING MINISTRY

Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Call Brenda Mathews (318) 730-8123

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FORMED

This online platform subscription service offers access to the best Catholic digital content producers - studies, films, audio, and eBooks. All parishioners of every age can access this great Catholic material. Go to **www.formed.org**, select Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, and complete the simple registration.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle is available to burn weekly for any intentions for the living, the deceased, in thanksgiving, in need, etc. The suggested donation is \$7.00. Please call Cindy at the church office.

LENTEN NEWS



As is our Lenten tradition, there will be no music, bells, or the St. Michael the Archangel prayer at the end of weekend Masses. Also, the weekend homilies will be brief enough to allow time for meditation and reflection.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the 50 days of the Easter season. The donors and those to be remembered will be listed in the June 14-15 bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews, your monthly packet, or one of your own. Don't forget to include on the envelope the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered/honored.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays - 6:00PM

MEN OF MMJ - FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4
Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.
\$9.00 per plate
Eat in or take out.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Saturday, April 12 – 4:00 p.m.
Mass will begin in the Hall

Sunday, April 13
8:00 a.m. - Mass will be celebrated in the Church
10:30 a.m. - Mass will begin in the Hall
5:00 p.m. - Mass will be celebrated in the Church

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
There will be 4 priests to celebrate individual Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18, 2025

The Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.
The Way of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 19, 2025

8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20, 2025

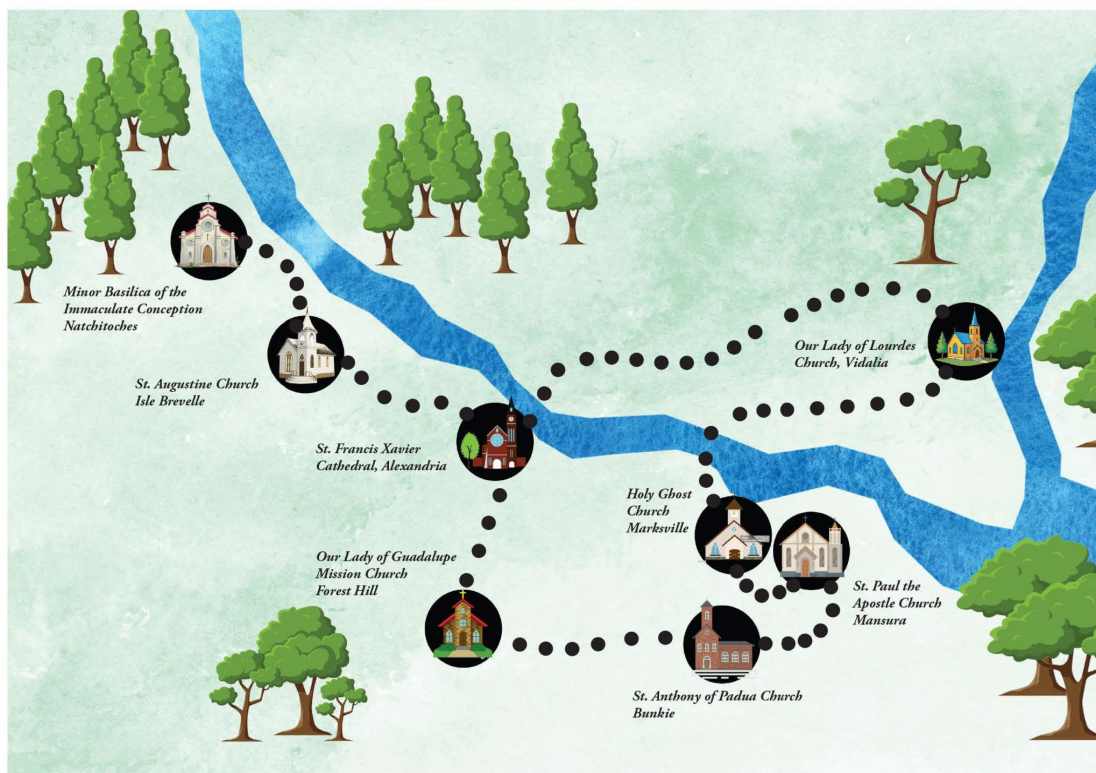
8:00 a.m. - Mass
9:00 a.m. - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
9:45 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. - Mass

No 5:00 p.m. Mass Easter Sunday



DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA - PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Jubilee Year 2025



How to become a Pilgrim and participate in the Diocese of Alexandria's Pilgrimage of Hope program:

- During this Jubilee Year 2025, visit all of the 8 churches that are designated as Pilgrim Sites.
 1. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria
 2. Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches
 3. Augustine Church, Isle Brevelle
 4. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church, Forest Hill
 5. Holy Ghost Church, Marksville
 6. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Vidalia
 7. Paul the Apostle Church, Mansura
 8. Anthony of Padua Church, Bunkie
- During your first site visit, look for the Jubilee Banner to pick up your "Pilgrim's Passport" and begin your journey.
- At each location, sign the "Pilgrims of Hope" Guestbook, attend Mass or prayer service, get your sticker and stick it on the Passport page for the church you visited.

- To learn the Mass times for the locations and/or more about the church parish, simply scan the QR code in your passport for the church you plan to visit.
- Continue #3 above for all eight locations.... Don't forget to get your passport sticker!
- There is also a bonus page in the passport to "Put your faith into action". These are a few ways to earn additional stickers by visiting and/or serving in the community. For example, if you attend a youth OR adult conference hosted by the Diocese of Alexandria, stickers will be available at registration. These are not required to "complete" the pilgrimage, however are thought provoking ways to be involved in diocesan programs.
- Upon completing your pilgrimage to the 8 churches (and optional projects discussed in #6 above if you chose to do so), drop off or mail your completed Pilgrim's Passport to:

Diocese of Alexandria
Attn: Pilgrim Passport
4400 Coliseum Blvd.
Alexandria, LA 71303

Once received we will verify your site visits and ensure the stickers are complete on each Pilgrim Site Churches page within your Passport. In recognition of your Pilgrimage journey and participation in the Jubilee of Hope, you will receive a Pilgrims of Hope certificate signed by Bishop Marshall, a specially designed challenge coin, AND your passport will be returned to you.

Share along the way!

Invite along a traveling companion to join you on your journey.

Make it a family event and check out the Jr. Pilgrim page for kids!

Post about your Pilgrimage of Hope online and tag the Diocese of Alexandria!

Brochures can be found on the credenza in the narthex.



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UNITED STATES

Evangelization Retreat

Thursday, March 13th @ 5pm-
Sunday, March 16th @ 11 am
Maryhill Renewal Center
Pineville, La

\$425 per couple

(A limited number of scholarships are available)

For more information visit:

<https://domesticchurchfamilies.com/event/ev>